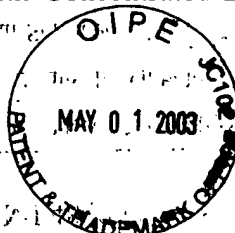


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1 CLAIMS

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3 35. A spring used in brush holder, with said spring having force levels varying by
4 less than 30% over more than 40% of maximum deflection capacity during
5 loading, and said spring comprising a pseudoelastic element that has a memory
6 shape and stiffened by a bracing that is not pseudoelastic, with at least one
7 segment where said bracing is absent and at least one of flexural and torsional
8 deformations concentrate.

9 36. The spring used in brush holder according to claim 35, wherein the force levels
10 of said spring vary by less than 30% over more than 40% of maximum deflection
11 capacity during unloading.

12 37. The spring used in brush holder according to claim 35, wherein said
13 pseudoelastic material is formed of elements selected from the group consisting
14 essentially of Ni, Ag, Au, Cd, In, Ga, Si, Ge, Sn, Sb, Zn, Nb, Cu, Co, Fe, Mn, Pt,
15 Al, Ti, Cr, Be, C and Tl, and combinations thereof.

16 38. The spring used in brush holder according to claim 35, wherein said
17 pseudoelastic element has been formed and then heat treated when restrained in
18 order to assume said memory shape.

19 39. The spring used in brush holder according to claim 35, wherein said force levels
20 are applied and removed at least once for improving stability under subsequent
21 repeated load application.

22 40. The spring used in brush holder according to claim 35, wherein said
23 pseudoelastic spring is at least partly fixed against lateral deflections.